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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated July 8, 2004.

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 8, 2004 states that the present application includes claims directed to the following inventions:

Group 1, claims 1 to 8

Group 2, claims 9 and 10.

Applicants were required to elect a single group under 35 U.S.C. 121.

In response, Applicants respectfully elect Group II, claims 9 and 10.

The Office Action further submits that upon election of any of the groups I or II, the applicant is further required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed